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Castillos

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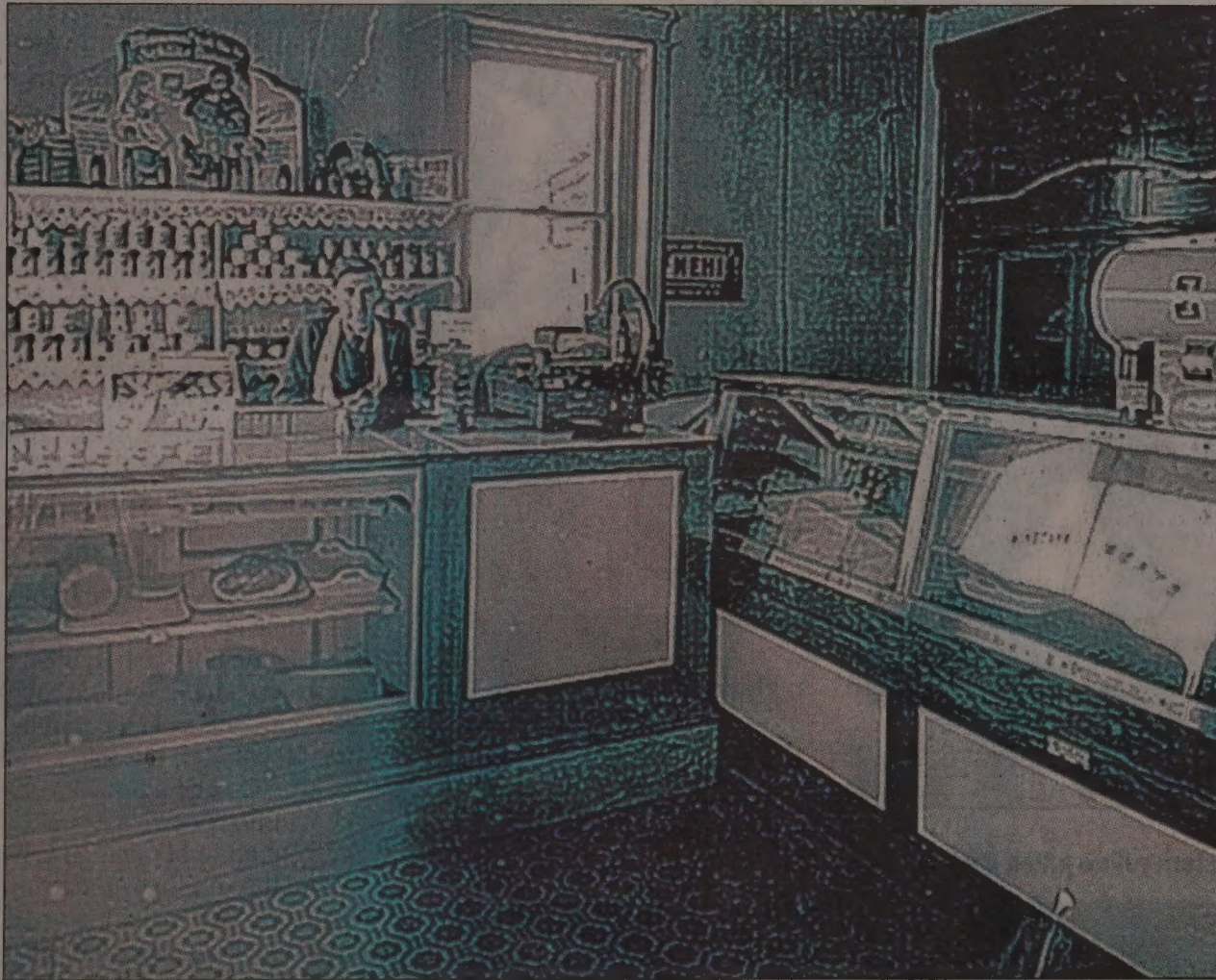


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Jose Castillo in the Castillo family's second store, date unknown.

Days gone by

**Courtesy of the Valencia County
Historical Society**

*(News items collected from the
News-Bulletin and other nearby
newspapers.)*

=July 27, 1901

Dr. C.G. Duncan knows more about arroyos than he did last year. Yesterday, the arroyo west of town was running with unusual force and the doctor attempted to drive across it. The horse plunged into a hole and lost its footing, the buggy was overturned, and the doctor was rescued from the torrent a hundred yards below where he entered it. Fortunately, there were no serious results from the accident, but Dr. Duncan's friends will feel disposed to impose upon him a government by injunction if he seems likely to undertake that sort of an enterprise again.
Socorro Chieftain

July 18, 1933

A small dog proved to be the

undoing of Ed "Perchmouth" Stanton, alleged bank robber arrested in northwestern Lincoln County. Stanton had covered himself over with grass, which he had cut and was lying in a dry lake bed. His little dog, however, kept playing around the pile of grass and attracted the posse's attention. Approximately 100 men took part in the search for the man, and at the time of his capture he was surrounded by some 30 armed men. *Santa Fe New Mexican*

July 3, 1964

Dear Abby: I fail to understand how one can "cheat" in a game where only he is playing. In working a crossword puzzle, the object is to complete it. If a puzzle is so simple that it can be completed without any research, I would consider it a waste of time. I use a large unabridged dictionary, a Bible, a World Atlas and a set of encyclopedias when I undertake a crossword puzzle, and I feel that I gain much by doing so. To do "research" increases one's knowledge, and is certainly not "cheating." A.S.B.
Albuquerque Journal

When we think of endangered species, many that come to mind are exotic animals such as tigers and rhinos on the other side of the globe, but it's important to know that you don't have to look far to find them.

"One of the biggest things around here is when people are thinking about the environment, they tend to overlook our own backyard," said

Johnny Chavez, acting director of Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District. "A lot of people don't realize that we have our own unique environment and ecosystem here that still has a lot of diversity happening and we need to take care of it."

The VSWCD oversees Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area and, according to the website, "the district encompasses 1,438,000 acres, including all of Valencia County, a small portion of

which is a partnership of 17 signatory entities, is dedicated to supporting actions in the Middle Rio Grande aimed at protecting and recovering five federally-listed species, with a focus on science and adaptive management.

Of these five, Chavez said he has the most experience with the southwestern willow flycatcher as he's done some research studies on them over the years.

"They do like this area because they need dense vegetation of trees to nest in, and they also like to be close to standing water because they're insectivores,"

Chavez said. "In the past, there used to be a lot more wetlands (in the MRG) but now they're kind of spread out. Some birders have spotted them in Whitfield actually, very rarely though."

Chavez noted the MRG is part of a large migratory route where many migratory birds can be spotted, including sea birds. A pelican was even spotted in

Whitfield has potential for most of these endangered species ...

Johnny Chavez

Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District acting director



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Western yellow-billed cuckoo



issue, but I missed all issue of me writing down the appointment on the wrong day. Nonetheless, it was pretty embarrassing.

Even though I'm getting older, I don't think my memory loss is too much to worry about. Heck, I have a lot on my plate and, sometimes, I think I just have too much on my mind to be able to remember everything and everyone.

I also think my memory issues has to do with the sometimes lack of sleep in my life. Imagine getting only two to three hours of sleep at night a few times every week. You'd forget a lot of things, too. For the most part, I've been able to manage my sleep problems lately, so I don't think its affected my ongoing memory conundrum.

My memory loss can be embarrassing at times, though. Recently, I was at a community event with my sister, and I saw someone who I see only about once or twice a year. I walked up to her and gave her a big hug. As I was introducing her to my sister, I started to panic, realizing I had forgotten her name. Thankfully, the music was pretty loud and there were a lot of people so, hopefully, she didn't perceive my faux pas.

